第2話

ARE YOU STILL ANGRY?
.....
I'M NOT...
DAICHI IS NOT MY LOVER.
DAICHI.
Clank
YEAH?
YOU WERE SO UPSET THAT I LEFT YOU WITH KISHI?

DON'T YOU THINK THAT GUY WAS KIND OF WEIRD?
HE KEEPS STARING AT PEOPLE.
OH YEAH, HE SAID THAT'S A HABIT.
clatter
clatter
HABIT?
YEAH.
A HABIT HE GOT FROM HIS JOB.
NEVER MIND THAT. CAN YOU COME TO OUR BAND MEETING AFTER SCHOOL TODAY?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
SIGH...
Ikuu, hurry up~
I don't know why but-
HMM... OKAY.
3-1
HUH? WHY?
THANK YOU! OKAY NOW, PE CLASS.
WE FINISHED THE DEMO OF OUR NEW SONG, I WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK.

That guy's been on my mind
Ugh, I think I'm going to throw up my lunch
Here I
Hey you!
3-1
Royal
UM..
WHAT DO YOU THINK? IKU-CHAN?
YEAH
I LIKE THE SONG, BUT DON'T YOU THINK THE RHYTHM IS A LITTLE WEIRD?

For some reason,
WHAT YOU WANT TO DO PROGRES-SIVE ROCK?
IT'S ONLY CAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE SKILLS FOR IT.
What did you say?!
IT'S BECAUSE OF ALL THE WEIRD BEATS YOU PUT IN DAICHI!
RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THOSE!
WHAT? IT'S THE AGE OF UNUSUAL BEATS NOW! LIKE FIVE EIGHTH, ELEVEN EIGHTH!
About myself, about Daichi,
About love.
I've been thinking about a lot after that.
HEY, IKU.
YEAH?

I'M GOING TO HEAD TO KISHI'S PLACE AFTER THIS, YOU WANT TO COME?
HUH?! WHY ME? I'M NOT GOING.
BECAUSE HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO BRING YOU.
WHAT..
WHY?
HE SAID HE LIKED YOU.
.....
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT?
I THOUGHT YOU DISLIKED HAVING ME MEET YOUR BOYFRIEND
OH.
THEN WHAT DO YOU THINK IF I MEET YOUR GIRLFIEND?
Since I'm gay
And you're straight
OH, I SEE.
NEVER MIND THAT, LET'S GO!
HMM ..
I THINK NO, THANK YOU.
WHAT, COME ON ..

SIGH..
IT'S SO HARD TO FALL ASLEEP RECENTLY.
If he's not your lover...
Then what is he to you?
HUH?
THAT DRUNK OLD WOMAN
Now, Daichi must be...
AHHH I'M JUST GONNA IGNORE HER

With that person...
Imagined
Awh
How about this?
turn
I can't sleep...
Sigh...
Yeah!
YEAH!
IT'S WINTER BREAK!

OH YEAH?
...HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT TO DO?
BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE FUN AT ALL.
I HAVE SCHOOL WORK TO CATCH UP, AND IT'S ALMOST ENTRANCE EXAM.
hug
OH, WHAT?
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE.
HEY, JUST GO TO COLLEGES HERE
I'LL GET LONELY WITHOUT YOU.
I HAVEN'T!
quick answer
.....
ISN'T IT A LITTLE TOO LATE NOW?
HM...

I'VE BEEN FEELING LONELY FOR SOME REASON RECENTLY...
HM?
I TOLD YOU TO GET A GIRLFRIEND.
I KNOW YOU SAID IT'S NOT WHAT YOU DO.
gong
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT HAPPENED, IKU?
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
EVERYONE WILL FALL IN LOVE
IT'S A PATH THAT EVERYONE WILL GO THROUGH NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE.
To say the truth,
.....
IS IT?
IT IS!

I know that already
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYONE THAT I LIKE RIGHT NOW.
THEN MAKE AN EFFORT TO LIKE SOME-ONE!
HUH?
DEMONS
HELLO? HUH? DAICHI?
WHY ARE YOU CALLING FROM A PUBLIC PHONE?
YOU FORGOT YOUR CELL PHONE? WHAT...?
beep beep
YOU WANT ME TO PICK YOU UP? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BIKE?
THE ENGINE GOT BUSTED? AND YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY ON YOU?
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?

WHAT?
YOU HAD A FIGHT WITH KISHI-SAN?
gasp
gasp
HUH? DA-ICHI'S...
NOT HERE...
beep
HM?
.....
Sorry, I got back already
Daichi
WHAT?
COULDN'T YOU SAY THAT EARLIER?!
I WENT THIS FAR FOR YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HEY.
.....
!
YEAH.
IS THAT SO...? WELL THEN ..
I...
I WAS LOOKING FOR DAICHI.
IKU.
YES?
AH,
I CALLED HIM A TAXI AND SENT HIM HOME, HE'S FINE.

What am I getting anxious about?
UM... KISHI-SAN.
HM?
I HEARD THAT YOU HAD A FIGHT WITH DAICHI...
YEAH
IT'S ABOUT HIS FUTURE AFTER GRADUATION.
HE'S BEEN NAGGING ME ABOUT IT SO I GOT MAD.
DAICHI...
I THINK HE JUST WANTS KISHI-SAN TO STOP HIM.
TO STOP HIM FROM GOING TO TOKYO...
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HE SHOULD DECIDE FOR HIMSELF.
KISHI-SAN...

BEFORE, YOU SAID THAT DAICHI IS NOT YOUR LOVER.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
WHAT?
.....
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
OF COURSE IT DOES! DAICHI IS MY...
DON'T YELL.
!
HE SAID THAT YOU CAN'T FALL IN LOVE?
THERE IS NO USE EXPLAINING TO SOMEONE WHO'S EIGHTEEN BUT STILL CAN'T KEEP A RELATIONSHIP.
DON'T GET SO DEEP INTO THIS
BUT...
YEAH ! DON'T GET WHAT GOES ON BETWEEN TWO GUYS...

BUT WHAT DAICHI FEELS...
THAT I UNDERSTAND.
click
BETWEEN TWO GUYS...
HEHE.
mad
ARE YOU DRUNK?
YOUR FACE IS GETTING RED TOO.
LOVE IS THE SAME BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN OR BETWEEN TWO MEN.
BUT I THINK YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND EITHER.
!

YOU ARE THIS AGE BUT ONLY INTERESTED IN HIGH SCHOOL KIDS?
IT'S AS IT SOUNDS, YOU ARE MY TYPE.
WEIRDO.
HEHE.
YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE JUST A KID.
AND DAICHI SAID YOU LIKED ME
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
Mad.
MAKE ME WANT TO DO A LOT OF THINGS TO GET YOU TO CRY.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AGE. PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO LIKE TO PRETEND TO BE TOUGH,
WHATEVER YOU SAY,
I CAN DO IT WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR INTEREST.
...ARE YOU FLIRTING WITH ME?
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.

THIS DRUNK GUY...
mad
mad
YOU WANT TO MAKE ME CRY RIGHT?
THEN HAVE A TRY.
THEN HAVE A TRY.
ARE YOU DRUNK?
I... YEAH I'M DRUNK! BUT SO ARE YOU!
YOU ARE JUST BLUFFING ANY-WAYS.
ARE YOU CHALLENGING ME?
WHATEVER YOU SAY!
Oh my...

What am I doing?
clatter
!
HMM
I SEE.
HOW OLD ARE YOU? 18?
YEAH, I JUST TURNED 18 THIS MONTH.
COME HERE
I'LL TAKE YOUR CHALLENGE.

HEY...
NGH!
AH...
UGH...
NNGH!

WHAT?
UGH...
HEY...
YOU ARE...
NOT A VIRGIN ARE YOU?
ARE YOU?
WHAT IF I AM?
.....
.....
DO YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH A GIRL FIRST?
HUH?
YOU ARE SAYING THAT NOW?
HEY?
PRESS

IT'S...
TOO LATE NOW.
DON'T CRY.
HM...
TOUGH GUY.
AH!
Touch
DON'T...
DON'T TOUCH...
HEY DON'T FIGHT.
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME CRY?

Too late.
STAY PUT.
It's
UGH...
IT WOULD.
AH...
UGHH...
creak
HERE HERE.
UGH!
SEE?
ST...STOP...
IT WON'T COME OUT ANYMORE.

HAA!
HAA...
IT'S ONLY ROUND TWO.
YOU OKAY?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE DONE.
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET.
I CAN'T...
MY BODY WON'T MOVE.
DON'T CRY.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
AH...
I ...DON'T.
FOR REAL?
I DON'T....
TELL ME.
UGH...

HM...
OPEN UP YOUR LEGS.
AHH...
breathe
HEY.
touch
HMM?
I'M HEADING OUT.
I LEFT YOU THE KEY, JUST LEAVE IT IN THE MAILBOX WHEN YOU GO.
HUH? WHAT TIME IS IT?
wiggle

rub
HM...
CAN I SLEEP FOR ANOTHER WHILE?
9 O'CLOCK.
slam
creak
YEAH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'M SO TIRED.
HMM...
thump
!
What_
Don't do weird things like this.
thump
thump
thump
thump

I CALLED YOU SO MANY TIMES!
WHY DID YOU NOT PICK UP?
Sorry
Sorry
I can't look at Daichi in his face
I even lied to him like this...
I MISSED THE LAST TRAIN BECAUSE OF YOU AND SLEPT IN A MANGA CAFE!
HEY IKU,
HUH?
HEY...
DON'T GET MAD AT ME SORRY, SORRY

I SAID I'M GOING TO TOKYO,
AND HE SAID I CAN DO WHAT I LIKE.
I THINK I MIGHT BE OVER WITH KISHI-SAN.
I THINK MAYBE,
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS IN LOVE, HE WAS ONLY IN A PLAYING MODE.
HUH?
AND THAT'S WHY YOU FOUGHT?
DAICHI,
I DON'T WANT TO SAY THIS BUT
I STILL DON'T THINK KISHI-SAN IS A GOOD PERSON.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE DOES...
AND I DON'T THINK HE'S AN HONEST PERSON.
PUSH

WHY DO YOU KNOW THINGS LIKE THAT ABOUT HIM?
.....
WHY?
BE..
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU TOLD ME
THAT'S WHY...
.....
What am I doing?
SIGH...
This is almost like...

I am stepping in between those two.
Even though I was drunk,
I did something every stupid.
Plus I ended up crying in front of him.
It's really because I wanted to see him...
That's why I've been acting weird.
No...
That's why I did that...

But...
I won't ever see him again.
EH? YOU ARE HOLDING A LIVE?
YEAH, IN FEBURARY.
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT?
OF COURSE EXAMS!
YOU...
BUT WE CAN'T...
HOW MANY TIMES CAN YOU GET THE STUDIO?
WHAT WHY?
WE HAVE EXAMS! EXAMS!
beep beep ...
YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT THIS TOO, DAICHI!
ABOUT WHAT?
HUH?
HEY YOU GUYS ARE TOO LOUD SO I'M GONNA TAKE THIS OUTSIDE.
beep
WHOSE NUMBER IS THIS?

HELLO?
WHO IS THIS?
KISHI-SAN? HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS NUMBER?
It doesn't matter. What are you doing now?
Ikuya?
I'M IN THE HAMBURGER PLACE WITH DAICHI.
Hm? If you can, come over by yourself okay?
WHAT?
Bye then.
beep
WHY WOULD I?
Hey!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IKU?
SAY SOMETHING TO THESE GUYS FOR ME.
Hey Iku!
Hump Hump
COME OVER,
BY YOURSELF.
Hump
OH.. UM..

SORRY!
HEY IKU!?
SORRY DAICHI, SOMETHING CAME UP!
Sorry Daichi,
I..
!?
LET'S STOP DOING THIS, THE BAND.
WHAT?
HEY DAICHI, LISTEN
WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
WE WERE NOT PLANNING TO BE PROFESSIONALS....
WE ARE NOT AS GOOD AS YOU ARE ANYWAYS
WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU, WE ARE ALL HEADING SEPARATE WAYS.

SEA URCHIN!
RYO-CHAN!
GO FIND SOMEONE ELSE
SORRY, DAICHI.
slam
What am I doing things like this...
I don't even get it myself

YEAH?
HEY.
WHY DO YOU ASK?
WHY DID YOU CALL ME BUT NOT DAICHI?
BECAUSE...
!
thud
WAIT A MINUTE...
beep beep
TELL ME WHY,
COME ON.
beep
Things like this..
'BECAUSE DAICHI IS MY FRIEND?'
This bullying
Bad adult.
HEY...
THEN WHY DID YOU COME?

Me and Daichi,
We are both being played
HAA!
HAA.
HAA...
UGH...
NGH..
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
DON'T TOUCH ME ANYMORE...
JUST STAY PUT.

I'm sorry.
toot toot
I...
Redirecting to voicemail.
Daichi.
ugh...
I don't know what to do anymore

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